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REMARKS

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The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The amendments and the newly added claims do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original) Mineral wool product with a fibre alignment which is reoriented in relation to the depositing of the fibres on the production belt, in which mineral wool product the mineral fibres are arranged in a wavy manner on the large faces and/or in sections parallel to the large faces.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

Composite mineral wool product
comprising at least one insulating
layer and at least one covering
layer composed of upset mineral
fibres, the said covering layer
being provided with binder and
being connected to the insulating
layer by means of the binder during
the curing of the binder, with
pressure being applied at the same
time,

characterized

in that the covering layer consists

of comprises a mineral wool product according to Claim 3 and is produced by the method according to Claim 1.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended)

Composite mineral wool product
comprising at least one insulating
layer and at least one inner layer
composed of upset mineral fibres,
the said inner layer being provided
with binder and being connected to
the insulating layer by means of
the binder during the curing of the
binder, with pressure being applied
at the same time,
characterized
in that the inner layer consists
of comprises a mineral wool product
according to Claim 3 and is
produced by the method according to

Claim 6 (Currently amended)

Use of a The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or of a

Claim 1.

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mineral wool product produced

according to Claim 1 as wherein

said mineral wool product is a

plaster base layer of a plaster

base board.

Claim 7 (Currently amended)

Use of a The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or of a mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a ceiling board.

Claim 8 (Currently amended)

Use of a The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or of a mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a facade board.

Claim 9 (Currently amended)

Use of a The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or of a

mineral wool product produced

according to Claim 1 as wherein

said mineral wool product is a

covering layer or hard skin of a

roof-insulating board.

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Claim 10 (Currently amended)

Use of a The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or of a mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a gripping felt.

Claim 11 (Currently amended)

Use of a The composite mineral wool product according to Claim 5 as a gripping felt or as a ceiling board.

Claim 12 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

wherein said mineral wool product produced is a

plaster base layer of a plaster base board.

Claim 13 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

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wherein said mineral wool product produced is a covering layer or hard skin of a ceiling board.

- Claim 14 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a

 covering layer or hard skin of a facade board.
- Claim 15 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a

 covering layer or hard skin of a roof-insulating

 board.
- Claim 16 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a

 covering layer or hard skin of a gripping felt.